¶ The seueral rates and taxations for wages,

made & set forth by the Justices of peace of the Countie of Lyncolne. 77

WHERE in the Parliament holden at Westminster, the xii. day of January last: It was enacted by the Quene our Soueraygne Ladye, the Lordes spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in that Parliament assembled, that the Justices of the peace of euery Sheere, Rydyng, and lybertie, within the limittes of their seuerall Commissions, or the more parte of them, being there resiaunt within the same, and the sheryffe of the Countie yf he conueniently myght. And euery Maior, Baylyffe or other head officer within any Cytie or towne Corporate, wherein is any Justice of peace, within the limittes of the sayd Citie or towne, shoulde by force of that acte, assemble them selues together accordyng to the tenour of the same acte. And thereupon should tymyt, rate and appoynt the wages of Artificers, Handicraftes men, Husbandmen, Laborers, Seruauntes, and workemen, as by their discretions shoulde be thought mete, and accordyng to such authoritie as is geuen them by the sayde Acte, and the same rates and taxations shoulde certifye into the Quenes hyghnes Courte of Chauncerye, before at certen day tymytted in the sayde acte: Wherupon it should be lawefull for the Lorde Chauncelour, or Lord Keper of the great Seale of Englande for the time beynge, upon declaration thereof to her highnes, her heires or Successours, or to the Lordes and others of her Maiesties preuye counsell, to cause proclamations to be made into euery of the sayde shyres and places, cõteyning the seuerall rates appointed by the sayde Justices, and other head officers: Commaunding therby in her highnes name, all persons strayght ly to obserue and kepe the same, upon the daunger of the punyshment and forfeytures, tymitted and appoynted by the sayde Acte and statute.

AND where also it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd: That al maner of person and persones, after suche proclamation made, shoulde obserue and kepe the saide rates for wages, uppon payne of the forfaytures and penalties conteyned in the same estatute, untyll by a seconde proclamation, accordinge to the purporte of the same estatute, it shoulde be otherwise ordered and proclaymed.

Therefore the Quenes Maiestie hauing receiued into her said court of Chauncery, among diuerse other certificates from sondry of her highnes Shyres, Cities, and Townes, one certificate from this her Countie of Lyncolne, conteininge the rates for wages hereafter folowinge. And made and appointed by the Justices of this her saide Countie of Lyncolne, accordynge to the tenoure of the same acte: And mindinge to haue the same rates put in execution in all poyntes as by the processe of the same act is prescribed, lyke as her Maiestie hath and entendeth to do in al other her highnes Counties and Shyres, and other places of lybertie in this her Realme.

Therefore her highnes strayghtlye chargeth and commaundeth all maner of person and persons, within her said County of Lyncolne, to kepe and obserue in al pointes the said rates, taxations, orders appointments for wages hereafter folowynge and set forth upon the paynes & forfeytures appoynted by the said estatute, and upon payne of her highnes displeasure. And further her highnes pleasure & expresse commaundement is that al Justices of peace, Sheriffes, and other officers of her sayd Countie of Lyncolne shal see and cause the same rates, duely and seuerely to be obserued and kepte in all pointes, and this proclamacion to be vsed in euery behalfe, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the sayd acte.

AND her Maiesties further pleasure and commaundement is, that yf anye question, scrupule, or doubte shall ryse upon anye of the taracions or rates for thys Countie of Lyncolne, here under mentioned. That then the same shal be ordered and determined by her highenes Justices of peace, that dyd make and ordeyne the same taxations & rates. And that all persons shal perfourme and kepe the same resolutions orders and determinations, so by them to be made and determined, touchyng the same.

God saue the Quene.